

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 13 and 28 are amended, and claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

A marked-up version of the amendments is attached, where insertions are underlined and deletions are bracketed.

Claims 2, 13, 17, and 28 were objected to due to the informalities between the abbreviations SMPP in claims 2 and 17, and SMTP in claims 13 and 28. The indication of informalities is appreciated. Claims 13 and 28 have been amended to correct the informalities. Hence, it is believed these claims are in proper form.

The claims stand rejected as follows:

Claims 1, 8-11, 12, 14, 15, and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,905 to Pepe et al. and U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0076009 A1 by Denenberg et al. (note page 5 of the Official Action applies these two references to reject claim 14);

Claims 2-7, 13 and 28 stand rejected under § 103 in view of Pepe et al., Denenberg et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,208,870 to Lorello (note page 5 of the Official Action applies these three references to reject claims 13 and 28);

Claims 16, 23, 24, 25, and 26 stand rejected under § 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,841 to Gustafsson in view of Denenberg et al.; and

Claims 17-22 stand rejected under § 103 in view of Gustafsson, Denenberg et al., and Lorello.

Each of these rejections are respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.

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Each of these rejections rely on Denenberg et al. However, Denenberg et al. is not available as a reference because its December 15, 2000 filing date is after the June 29, 2000 filing date of the subject application. Hence, these rejections must be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1130 under Order No. 95-424, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Marked-up Version of Amendments:

13. (AMENDED) The system of claim 12, wherein the output interface is configured for outputting the notification message according to Short Message Peer to Peer [(SMTP)] (SMPP) protocol.

28. (AMENDED) The system of claim 27, wherein the output interface is configured for outputting the notification message according to Short Message Peer to Peer [(SMTP)] (SMPP) protocol.